Subject No. 262.

Free grant of timber to owners of houses destroyed by fire.

Mr. Srikantaiya, Maddagiri Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—Amildars should be empowered to make free grants of timber to owners of houses destroyed by fire.

Withdrawn.

Subject No. 263.

Removing "Matti" from list of reserved trees.

Mr. P. Ramaswami Chetty of Arkalgud Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—"Matti" should be removed from the list of reserved trees and people should be allowed the use of unreserved trees for fuel and other domestic purposes. The want is keenly felt by the people of Hassan, Manjarabad, Belur and Arkalgud Taluks, where it is indispensable that fire-wood should be collected and stored during the dry season as the western portions of those taluks are Malnad.

Reply of Government.—"Matti" will be transferred from the reserved to the first class of classified trees. A notification will shortly be issued.

Subject No. 264.

Fixing a certain fee for each cart-load of wood for agricultural implements issued from the State Forest.

Mr. Lakshminarasimhachar of Chamrajnagar Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—In the District Forest which has been set apart for the benefit of agriculturists the Agricultural implements required by them are not available and even their cattle will have to be grazed in the State Forest paying a certain fee for each head of cattle. Regular rates of license fees have not been fixed for the necessary agricultural implements which can be had in the State Forest. This is a source of great trouble to the cultivating classes and also loss of Revenue to Government. It is therefore proposed that a certain fee be fixed for each cart-load of the agricultural implements taken from the State Forest.

Reply of Government.—This privilege cannot be conceded in the State Forest.

Subject No. 265.

Fuel for making jaggory and wood for Agricultural implements.

Mr. Chinnappa, Srinivaspur Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—The concessions granted by Government in the matter of supply of fuel for making jaggory and Agricultural implements are not allowed by local authorities, and raiyats are put to much inconvenience thereby. This ought to be remedied.

Reply of Government.—There are already orders to give the fuel (*vide* Government Proceedings No. 319-26—2502-9, dated 11th November 1902).

Subject No. 266.

Reduction of the fees on a waddar cart-load of bamboos.

Mr. Lakshminarasimhachar of Chamrajnagar Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—A license fee of Rs. 1-8-0 is prescribed for the removal of the cart-load of 400 bamboos from the State Forest. The waddar carts which can hold only 20 or 25 unserviceable and thorny bamboos are charged at 8 annas each. An ordinary cart can therefore hold 18 or 20 times as much as a waddar cart. It is therefore proposed that a more reasonable and moderate fee than that charged at present be ordered to be levied on waddar carts.

Reply of Government.—Will be referred to the Conservator of Forests for consideration and disposal.